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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE  
11 COMPANY, et al.

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 BENJAMIN LANGE, et al.,

15 Defendants.

CASE NO. C20-0309JLR

ORDER OF REFERENCE

16 This action was assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District  
17 Judge as related to Case No. C20-0092JLR-MLP. A portion of Case No.  
18 C20-0092JLR-MLP is referred to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson. Because this  
19 case is related to Case No. C20-0092JLR-MLP, the court will similarly refer a portion of  
20 this case to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson. Thus, all future documents filed in  
21 this case must bear the cause number C20-0309JLR-MLP. The court has reviewed the

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1 files and records herein and determined that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to  
2 refer to a Magistrate Judge as described below.

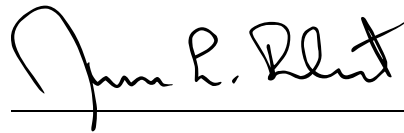
3 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby  
4 refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson all motions to amend or supplement the  
5 pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and all motions related to discovery  
6 disputes, including but not limited to motions to compel discovery, motions for a  
7 protective order related to discovery, and motions related to issues of privilege. *See* 28  
8 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal Rule of Civil  
9 Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson's  
10 rulings concerning the above-described discovery motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a);  
11 Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(b).

12 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court  
13 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for preparation of a report  
14 and recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal  
15 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule  
16 of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
17 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).  
18 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil  
19 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge  
20 Michelle L. Peterson files a report and recommendation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local  
21 Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

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1 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to  
2 Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for the specific purposes and types of motions  
3 described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge  
4 Michelle L. Peterson to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent  
5 with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order.

6 Dated this 17th day of April, 2020.

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9 JAMES L. ROBART  
10 United States District Judge  
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